

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As stated above, Applicant elects Group II, Claims 32-39, drawn to a sound-insulating composite component, and respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction for the following reasons:

It is believed that any search for the invention embodied in Group II would necessarily include a search of the invention embodied in Group I. Thus, the simultaneous search for all Groups is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

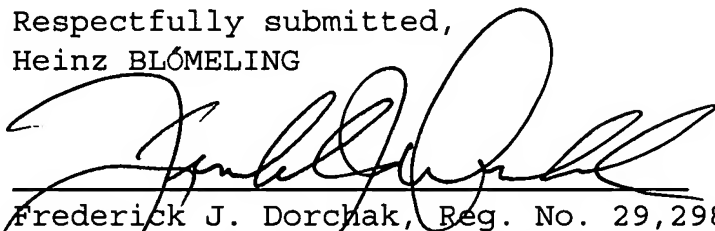
In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all the Groups. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications in this case does not serve to promote the public interest because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in

: several different patents that could otherwise be found in one
issued patent only.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications
for the non-elected inventions.

For all these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the
restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 be withdrawn, and
that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

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